GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL UMPIRE ACADEMY
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Umpires, discipline-wise, at present in the country;

(b) whether the Government has not paid adequate attention to establish a National Umpire Academy for various disciplines;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to improve the level of umpiring in the country; and

(e) if so, the salient features of the scheme ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) The National Umpires are certified by concerned National Sports Federation, which is an autonomous organization registered under Societies Registration Act 1860. As such Government of India does not maintain record of the number of Umpires in the Country.

(b) There is no proposal to establish a National Umpire Academy by Government of India.

(c) `Sports` is a State subject. Moreover, the responsibility for development of individual sports disciplines is with the concerned National and State level Sports Federations. However, Government of India supports and facilitates the efforts of State Governments and National Sports Federations through various schemes with the twin objectives of `Broadbasing of Sports` and `Achievement of Excellence` as indicated in the National Sports Policy 2001.

(d)&(e): Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sport is already implementing a scheme entitled `Scheme relating to Talent Search and Training`, under which, inter-alia, sports specialists, coaches, umpires and sports scientists are supported for undergoing advanced training course to enable them to update knowledge in their respective fields.